

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECT APPLICATION  
AMENDMENT APPROVAL  
RESOLUTION TAA-05-35, AMENDING RESOLUTION TA-00-02**

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) requests approval of the following Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project application amendment, with no net change to TCRP funding.

Project #100 – San Joaquin Valley Emergency Clean Air Attainment Program; incentive for the reduction of emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines operating within the eight-county San Joaquin Valley region. Amend application to:

- Update project schedule.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The California Department of Transportation recommends approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

The program is to achieve the maximum reduction possible of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines within the eight-county San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. The program provides grants to fund the incremental costs to public and private entities for the replacement of diesel powered on-road and off-road heavy-duty engines or vehicles. In addition, the program includes funding for compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquid natural gas (LNG) fueling stations.

In December 2002, the Air District received notice that due to State Budget shortfalls, new TCRP allocations were temporarily suspended and the Air District was advised not to execute new contracts. In June 2004, the Air District was notified that the State Budget contained funding for projects with existing allocations. The Air District commenced writing new contracts. However, this delay set the project back nearly two years.

In addition, the Air District's Heavy-Duty Engine Program relies on guidelines established by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). The ARB has revised the program twice since the start of this project. Each time the program is revised, the Air District is required to make significant changes to outreach materials, applications, contracts, cost-effectiveness calculations, etc., and it may take several months to update the program guidelines.

Concurrent re-allocation of \$6,539,000 for Phase 4 activities is requested under Reference No. 2.6e(2).

### **RESOLUTION**

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby amends the application for TCRP Project #100 as follows:

### **Revises:**

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
Fresno	6	100	\$ 25,000										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1						Phase 3					
		Phase 2						Phase 4	03/04 06/07				
Lead Agency:	Sam Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District												
Implementing:	Same												
Description:	San Joaquin Valley Emergency Clean Air Attainment Program; incentive for the reduction of emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines operating within the eight-county San Joaquin Valley region.												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	Beyond	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP													
Existing	25,000	25,000							25,000				
Change	0												
Proposed	25,000	25,000							25,000				
Total													
Existing	25,000	25,000							25,000				
Change	0	0							0				
Proposed	25,000	25,000							25,000				

**TCRP AMENDMENT TAA-05-35**

**TCRP #100**

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